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Subject: Guilty of crime but no punishment???

Justice:

The proposed settlement with Microsoft is not just.

Found guilty of a crime, Microsoft must be punished in proportion to the unfair prices it has charged its customers, and to the injury it has done to its competitors.

But the settlement includes no real punishment, only difficult- or impossible-to-enforce attempts to make Microsoft cease its criminal practices.

Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates on Thursday defended the settlement as tough but one that "we're really pleased to have."

Of course he's pleased to have it. Any settlement that the world's biggest criminal is "pleased to have" is proven by his pleasure to be grossly inadequate.

An adequate settlement would have Mr. Gates displeased at being handcuffed and lead off to prison.

Judge Stanley Sporkin said correctly in 1995, "simply telling a defendant to go forth and sin no more does little or nothing to address the unfair advantage it has already gained."

And I add: Neither does it address the billions of dollars in wrongful profits it has gained and in injuries it has done.

PLEASE don't let these criminals off without punishment as this settlement does!

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